

21 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

SUBJECT : Relocation of Fence - Rear of I, J, K, and L Buildings

1. A review of the file on this subject and of the various discussions that have been held regarding the relationship of fence, roadway, interior and exterior guard posts, the buildings, etc., would indicate that there was a misunderstanding between General Services and Security regarding the relationship between the moving of the fence and the possible elimination of guard posts. The confusion undoubtedly arose out of the fact that more than one proposal was discussed for the relocation of the fence, each involving a different guard-post requirement.

2. When it was decided to prepare a letter to the Secretary of the Interior, I discussed all of the factors involved with a representative of the Security Office and with the Chief, General Services. I was informed that paragraph 2b of the staff study dated 11 August referred to potential savings of guard posts as between relocation of the fence south of the roadway and its relocation north of the roadway. It appears, however, to say that moving the fence from its present location to one nearer the buildings would effect a reduction of two guard posts. In addition it was indicated that such a relocation could eliminate a Public Buildings Service maintained post for traffic control between J and K Buildings. I was given to understand that these facts were known in the Office of the Deputy Director (Administration).

3. Nevertheless, it is now apparent that I failed to insure that this point was clearly understood in the Office of the Deputy Director (Administration) before the letter was finally sent to the Secretary of the Interior. The \$30,000 saving referred to in that letter was to result from the elimination of two interior posts paid for by CIA and the one outside post paid for by PBS. Currently, however, the only posts which may be eliminated are interior posts at the rear of the buildings involved.

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